

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Certification of Highly Accomplished and Lead teachers

Question

Certification of Highly Accomplished and Lead teachers, endorsed by Standing Council in April 2012, implementation began in 2013.

- Which states have implemented this?
- What follow-up has the Department done?
- What are the next steps to ensure states and territories are implementing these new levels?

Answer

Certification is currently offered in the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, the Northern Territory, South Australia and Queensland. It is also offered in the Western Australian independent school sector. Certifying authorities are responsible for implementation within their jurisdictions.

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL), on behalf of the Australian Government, has responsibility for supporting the implementation of certification with participating jurisdictions. This includes working with states and territories to make certification available to teachers in all states and territories.

In addition, AITSL has launched the Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher (HALT) network and hosted HALT summits in 2016 and 2017 to support the uptake of national teacher certification. AITSL also recently released *Taking the lead*, a strategic paper articulating a vision for national certification in Australia.